

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1           A balance (1) has a weighing compartment (4) that  
2 borders on a stationary part (8, 9) of the balance and is  
3 otherwise enclosed by at least one side wall panel (5, 6),  
4 a front wall panel (7), and a top cover panel (12). At  
5 least one of the panels is slidable by means of a guiding  
6 device (17, 20) to open and close the weighing compartment  
7 (4). The balance (1) further has a handle (13) for lifting  
8 the balance (1) off a support surface and/or for carrying  
9 the balance (1).

(Fig. 1)